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17 March 1953

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, SR/DOB

SUBJECT: Special Project Training Plan for Project
AEBASIN.

GIORDANO

1. The following outlines the Special Project Training Plan for Project AEBASIN.

1. Originator: SR/DOB
2. Approvals: CSR/DOB; SR/EX; Ops Training/PI;
STC; DD/TRS
3. Case Officer: [redacted], 1512 "J" Bldg.
Extension 3608
4. Chief Instructor: [redacted]
5. Purpose: To train one Estonian in Tradecraft and allied subjects so that, upon completion of the training period, he will be qualified to instruct and train others and act as a translator of training materials for Project AEBASIN.
6. Clearances: SPB has been advised by SR that Staff C clearance regarding the trainee has been obtained. A copy of this memorandum is being submitted to Staff C for clearance and approval of the training program.
7. Number of Trainees: One
8. Nationality: Estonian

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9. Biographical Data: The only information SPB possesses regarding the trainee is as follows:
Name - Mario K. Giordano (Pseudonym)
Nationality - Estonian
Age - Forty-nine
Educational Background - High School and University graduate
Language - Estonian, Russian, German and English.
10. Time Table: Training will commence on Thursday, 19 March 1953 and will be completed on or about Friday, 3 April 1953.
11. Cover: Trainee will use U. S. Government cover, that of translator for the Department of Defense.
12. Training Area: The training will take place in a safehouse in Washington, D. C. under the control of SPB.
13. Language of Instruction: English
14. Courses of Instruction: Appendix I
15. Finances: Financial arrangements are being handled by SR/DOB.

2. Copies of this memorandum are distributed by hand as follows:

Original and 1 - Chief, SR/DOB (*note: one copy given Walt or Schinnerman's group*)
1 - DD/TRS
1 - Staff C
2 - SPB/TRS

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APPENDIX I

PROJECT AEBASIN

SCHEDULE OF INSTRUCTION

19 March through 27 March 1953 - Tradecraft Training (The material presented during this week is taken from the Basic Training Tradecraft Manual prepared by TDS/TRS)

- (1) Nature and Characteristics of Clandestine Activity
Clandestine Activity of the Individual and the Group
Clandestine Activity of the Sovereign State
Relationship of Overt to Covert Activity
Elements of Clandestine Activity
- (2) The Nature of Clandestine Action (By Political Entities)
- (3) Principles of Organization for Clandestine Activity
Concepts of Compartmentation
- (4) Concepts of Cover and Concealment
Requirements of Cover
The Cover Problem as Applied to Individuals, Groups
- (5) Basic Obstacles to Clandestine Activity
Active Opposition
Administrative and National Boundaries as a means
of Compartmentation
- (6) Clandestine Communications
Introduction and Concepts of Clandestine Communications
Criteria for Clandestine Communications
Methods of Clandestine Communications
Principles in the Use of Codes, Secret Writing, Micro-
photography and Ciphers
Cutout Devices: Accommodation Address, Drops, The
Courier, The Intermediary or Cutout
The Personal Meeting
Signals
The Safehouse

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- (7) Agent Personnel
 - Introduction
 - Agents and Their Functions
- (8) Spotting
 - Check and Investigation
 - Selection of Agents
 - Recruiting Methods
 - Training, Briefing and Debriefing
 - Handling of Agents
 - Termination of Agents

30 March - 1 April - Instruction Training - Principles, Outlines,
Aides, etc.

2 April - Observation, Description and Reporting

3 April - Surveillance (Physical and Technical)

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